

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amended page 2, paragraph no. 4 as follows:

There does not appear to currently be any extensive, integrated system for tracking an individual or group of individuals from the time that they desire entry into a particular area or zone, track the individuals through voluntary check-in or through devices known or unknown to the individual, through the period of exit. And in the case of extended visas, it is not known until the end of the visa period whether the visitor intends to comply with the visa, at which point it may be too late to find the entrenched or hidden visitor. The present method and system described by the present invention provides such capability combined with the ability to track the status of the individual including outstanding warnings or alerts on the individual, including failure to comply with the voluntary check in requirements.

Please amend page 2, paragraph no. 5 as follows:

~~None of the above inventions and patents, taken either singly or in combination, is seen to describe the instant invention as claimed.~~

Please amend page 3, paragraph no. 7 as follows:

According to a preferred embodiment of the invention, an Intelligent Controlled Entry-Exit (ICEE) system is comprised of an integrated end-to-end system and process composed of numerous application methods (applicable in total or in subparts) which enables parties (such as businesses, buildings, prisons, governments, etc.) to acquire information (biometric and textual) regarding an applicant requesting entry, verify the acquired information – checking it against defined (e.g., government enforcement agencies) offender lists, and

utilizing the acquired information at defined points in the process to:

Please amend page 3, paragraph no. 10 as follows:

Retrieve the stored information ~~from (1)~~ at entry and exit checkpoints to validate that the individual requesting entry or exit is actually the individual they are stating to be,

Please amend page 7, paragraph no. 31 as follows:

Fig. 1B is a diagrammatic view of the components of an intelligent controlled entry-exit system ~~stay~~ entry management according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Please amend page 7, paragraph no. 32 as follows:

Fig. 1C is a diagrammatic view of the components of an intelligent controlled entry-exit system ~~exit~~ stay management according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Please add the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph no. 32 on page 7:

Fig. 1D is a diagrammatic view of the components of an intelligent controlled entry-exit system exit management according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Please amend page 8, paragraph no. 35 as follows:

The present invention is directed to a system and method of tracking individuals or groups of individuals through a restricted area or geopolitical zone, such as in the preferred embodiment, foreign nationals entering the United States, for the purpose of identifying, tracking and ensuring compliance with restrictions placed on such individuals.

Please amend page 9, paragraph no. 37 as follows:

In more detail, Figures 1A – ~~1C~~ 1D, show a flow chart of a system according to a preferred embodiment of the invention:

Please amend page 10, paragraph no. 42 as follows:

To verify the unique identity of the applicant, the consulate personnel or other authority processing the application may take biometric 30 or other identifying information on the applicant. The biometric data may be used to identify the applicant or as a base to later verify or identify the FN while in the controlled area or while the FN is seeking entry or exit from the area. This biometric and identifying information may include fingerprints, palm print, retinal scan, voiceprint data, photographic information or other similar information that can be used to uniquely identify an individual. It may also include textual or documentary evidence such as passcodes, passwords, question-answer tests (e.g., “what is your mother’s maiden name?”), birth certificates or other verifying information. This information 30 can be stored electronically in the same or related files with the same or different security access, as one skilled in the art would appreciate or can be stored in other forms such as magnetic memory (e.g., tape recordings) or paper form (e.g., photographic paper). Preferably the information is electronically stored in the folder with the FN’s other data as shown at 32.

Please amend page 15, paragraph no. 58 as follows:

Once the initial requirements for the check in are met, further verification of the FN may take place. Preferably this takes the form of voice recognition/voice print verification 112, though other biometrics could be used. The FN may be asked to repeat a number of phrases in random order ~~than~~ that the FN ~~previous~~ previously recorded for the ICEE. The question and answers (e.g., “what is your mother’s maiden name?”) provided at the time of application or during an interview may also be used as verifying data.

Please amend page 16, paragraph no. 59 (starting on page 15) as follows:

Additionally, the FN may be asked for additional information such as current location that can be verified by caller id or other automated location data. Additionally, the FN may be asked about his future travels or other information to bring the ICEE up to date. Warnings or other recordings or operator communicated data may also be provided to the FN, such as a warning for missing a previous check-in or warnings about locations that the FN should avoid, etc. The FN can also be provided with the next check-in time or requirement. Information about the status of the FN stay such as extension grants or time remaining ~~of~~ on the visa or other government messages can also be provided automatically, by a human operator, or conditionally based on input selections by the FN.

Please amend page 17, paragraph no. 61 as follows:

In the event that check-in information needs to be verified by a human operator, the FN may be required to check in with government personnel or others authorized to verify information, such as airport personnel, a licensed facility such as hotel or shopping mall station or the like. This face to face interview 106 may be used in conjunction with the kiosk or telephone, or separately therefrom. The FN may be required to show up at a place and time or at ~~one~~ a facility designated for such purpose, such as a post office. The facility preferably has equipment for taking biometric information from the FN and for otherwise supervising the check-in process of the FN. Additional interviews of the FN on his activities and/or future plans can be taken as needed. The supervisor of the facility may also retrieve identifying information from the FN such as the FNId and use the FNId to retrieve the computerized records of the FN to determine at least the check-in requirements for the FN, or any warrants and alerts regarding the FN.

Please amend page 20, paragraph no. 71 as follows:

The customs officer 154 may also request verifying information to verify that the documentation presented by the FN is associated with this particular FN. This verifying information may take the form of biometrics 162 or other information such as textual question and answers (e.g., “what is your mother’s maiden name?”) that can be verified from the FN’s electronic file or a portion thereof. The verification information can then be manually and/or automatically verified 170 with the information contained in the FN’s file. As discussed above, the matching or non-matching of the FN’s data with the electronic file may cause a report 172 to be issued, an alert or alarm to be transmitted, or other automatic responses such as a siren or flashing light or security procedures to be initiated. Additionally, the ICEE system may wait for a response by the customs officer before initiating these responses. If the customs officer’s response is inconsistent with the ICEE guidelines, such as for example allowing exit of the FN when the biometrics fall below a certain match level, the customs officer’s supervisor may be notified 182 by the ICEE, or the customs officer may be barred from unlocking a turnstile, gate, door or other security device. In this manner, the ICEE can be used to verify compliance of the customs officer with applicable guidelines and policies.

Please amend page 24, paragraph no. 85 as follows:

2. A report or graphic can be generated showing the overlapping travel of various FNs or groups of ~~FN~~ FNs, preferably as an overlay onto ~~of~~ a map of a facility, city, state, country or other geopolitical map. See Figures 2 and 3. Figure 2 shows an example of plotting of movement of a single alien (FN) based on CallerID and V&H coordinate plotting,

which portrays details such as place or origin by date, telephone number and address of telephone number. Figure 3 shows a similar mapping for multiple FNs.